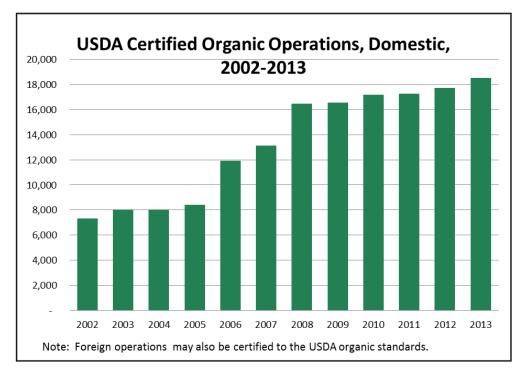
2013 List of Certified Operations



The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) has published the 2013 list of certified organic farms and businesses. http://apps.ams.usda.gov/nop.

As of the end of 2013, 18,513 organic farms and processing facilities in the United States were certified to the USDA organic regulations. That's approximately a 245 percent increase since NOP's tracking began in 2002. Worldwide, there are now well over 25,000 certified organic operators across more than 120 countries.



- There are certified organic operations in all regions of the U.S.
 Certified organic operations are more highly concentrated on the west coast, in New England, and in the upper Midwest.
- 2013 saw overall growth of about 4%, widespread across U.S. regions.
- California and Indiana were the two states with the largest increase in number of certified organic operations.
- The count of international operations held steady in 2013; this count does not include the many organic operations in other countries that operate under equivalency arrangements.

Is Organic an Option for You?

The Organic Literacy Initiative helps connect current and prospective organic farmers, ranchers, and processors with appropriate USDA resources. This package of training and outreach materials explains what the organic label means and how certification works. Through this effort, USDA staff around the U.S. can help farmers, ranchers, and processors understand organic certification and access USDA services. Access materials at www.ams.usda.gov/organicinfo.

CERTIFIED ORGANIC OPERATIONS BY STATE, 2013

